

THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Comes on time, and with it comes the event that has made such a great day in this community—THE SPECIAL FRIDAY SALE.

This week it will offer a lot of fine new markets at just half price.

Ladies' Cloth Jackets \$15.00, worth \$30.00.

Colored Satin Radiums \$5.00, worth \$10.00.

Great drives in Ribbons, Laces and Handkerchiefs.

Oil Red Percales, in figures, worth 12 1/2c, for 7c.

Percales in dark grounds, worth 12 1/2c, for 6c.

Oil Black Percales, also on both sides for 10c.

An extra fine Marcelline Quilt at \$1.49, regular price \$2.

To close, Fancy Colored Turkish Ties at 9c, regular prices 15c to 25c.

A large assortment of Short Lengths of Table Linens cheap.

Flannels in great variety; special prices for one day only.

Burgains in Short Lengths Brown Muslin.

Caution Flannels 7c, worth 10c.

24-inch Black Satin Rhinoceros \$1.29, former price \$2.

Black all-Wool Serge 50c, worth 85c.

Gents' Heavy Lined Gloves, former price \$1 and 75c, choice 50c.

Ladies' fast Black Cotton Hose, former price 50c and 35c, choice 25c.

Ladies' Vests, former price 50c, 25c.

38-inch Striped Jamestown Dress Goods 25c, regular 45c.

A few Patterns Dresses left at actually one-third regular prices, and all of this season's importation.

Pocket-books 25c, worth 50c.

Transparent Toilet Soap 5c a cake.

L. S. AYRES & CO.
PIANOS
—FOR—
CHRISTMAS.

We are making a special display of Satinwood, San Domingo, Mahogany, Circassian Walnut, Burled Walnut, Opizoid and Fancy Engraved Pained Upright Pianos of the finest make, such as have never been shown in the city, and invite their inspection.

Prices and terms the lowest consistent with the quality.

D. H. BALDWIN & CO.,

95, 97, & 99 N. Penn. St., Indianapolis.
Corner of Ohio street.

ART EMPORIUM.

Telephone No. 500.

This is the time of year we are glad our stock is as big as it is. We are working day and night to fill all orders for Christmas, and are still taking more. Come in and see us, day or evening.

H. LIEBER & CO.,

23 South Meridian Street.

Open until 9 p. m. until Christmas.

Meredith Nicholson's New Book
'SHORT FLIGHTS.'

A dainty book of poems for the Holidays.
Cloth \$.75
Half Cloth \$.50

For sale by

THE BOWEN-MERRILL CO.

9 & 11 West Washington St.

BARGAIN WEEK
IN
DIAMOND JEWELRY

GOLD WATCHES

GOLD AND PLATED JEWELRY

Rogers' Knives and Forks
(1847 GOODS).

SOLID SILVERWARE

CLOCKS AND FANCY GOODS

AT
W. T. MARCY'S,

38 WEST WASHINGTON ST.
P. S.—Watch and Clock repairing, Music Box repairing.

ITEMS FROM THE STATION-HOUSE.

A White Comedian of Hood and Others of the Foot-Pad Gang Under Arrest.

George Brown, seventeen years of age, spent last night in the station-house, the charge against him being that of petit larceny. He was found, yesterday, by patrolman Weirick standing near the furnace of a hoop and stove factory on the corner of St. Clair street and the railroad tracks. Brown is accused of stealing a pair of shoes, valued at \$1.35, from G. O. Niemann, of No. 271 Massachusetts avenue. He acknowledged he was present when the shoes were stolen, but says George Hood took them, and that he paid Hood a quarter for them. This establishes his connection with the foot-pad gang, of which Hood was a member, and corroborates the reports that a white man was occasionally one of the assassins of the women molested by gangs. Brown was formerly employed at the factory where he was found, but of late has been doing nothing.

Imposed on Mr. Ricker.

The young girl reported, yesterday, as having come from California and missed meeting her uncle, T. S. Husted, imposed on W. H. Ricker, it is said. Ricker received her into his house and told her story to the station-house turnkey, Al. Talle. It is now said that she has never been in California, and that she lives about two miles from Cumberland. She was put on the train here, day before yesterday, toward bond, she having been visiting friends in this city. Instead of going home she left the train at Irvington, and came back to the city on a street-car, her friends being astonished when they saw the item in the morning papers. She is still at the Home for Friendless Women, but will be taken in charge by relatives to-day.

Taken to Noblesville.

The marshal of Noblesville was in the city yesterday to get Buck Farley, who was arrested by patrolman Thrush Tuesday evening. Farley is accused of burglary committed at a hardware store in Noblesville last Thursday night. Several hundred knives were taken, and it was his attempting to sell them here that caused his arrest.

A Search for John Jones.

Clerk Homburg, of the Adjutant-general's office, received a letter from a soldier's widow in the southern part of the State, a few days ago, asking him to look up the record of her husband, John Jones, who was a member of an Indiana regiment. She did not know which regiment, and this complicated the situation. Mr. Homburg went over the records and found that forty-eight men named John Jones had served the country as members of Indiana regiments. He despaired of being able to find the particular John Jones belonging to his correspondent, and so notified her.

Adjourned the Noon Call.

The noon call of the Board of Trade yesterday was adjourned because of the death of an infant son of President Tamm.

FURNITURE at Wm. L. Elder's.

THE SEASON OF GOOD CHEER

Streets Thronged with Christmas Buyers and Dealers Pleased with Sales.

Immense Business of Mail and Express Routes—Entertainments for Little Folks at Churches and Other Events of the Time.

The business streets were thronged with buyers yesterday afternoon as never before. That they were bona fide purchasers would not admit of a doubt, for they had evidences of that fact with them. Sometimes these evidences, in the shape of enormous bundles or recalcitrant rocking-chairs, hobby-horses or bicycles were altogether too apparent either for the comfort of the purchasers or those who tried to pass them upon the sidewalk or ride through the streets.

Indianapolis shown as attractive displays in windows has been brought out by the Christmas holidays. Trade has been good in all lines, and the toy and candy dealers never before reached the proportions of sales as they have in this year of grace. The individual who has been personating Santa Claus in one of the large show-windows disappeared early in the afternoon, his services being no longer required. He was evidently rattled by the throng about him, as he left on the blackboard in the window the inscription, "Gone until next year, 1892," evidently 1891 was meant, for Santa Claus will not leave the children out of his calendar for one entire year.

The business in parcels done by the post-office has been of high proportions. The carriers have had their labors lightened as much as possible through delivery wagons and the arrangement with the street-car company, which carries them and the superfluous bundles to stations from where distribution can be made. The sale of stamps has been for three days about \$30 greater than during a similar period last year, and has reached the sum of \$2,700. The registered letter business has been large. On Monday 288 registered packages were sent out, and Tuesday 323 and yesterday more than 300. The money orders issued have been far greater than ever before. On Monday these amounted to \$4,680; on Tuesday to \$3,700 and yesterday \$3,700, being a total of \$12,080 in three days. In handling the Christmas mail the railway mail service all over the country has been worked to the greatest extent beyond the heaviest mail comes from the East to the West, and Major Hitt, superintendent of the service, put on sixteen men to do this instead of eight, doing the force for the extraordinary occasion. The mail coming from the west to the east has not been so heavy, but it has been found necessary to send additional men to the Terre Haute to meet the trains to keep the regular crews from being stuck.

All the express companies groan over the excess of work that has been put upon them by Christmas. Within the past week some trains coming to and through this city have had three, four, five, and one as many as seven cars with express material. J. J. Henderson, of the Adams Express Company, declares the like was never before known, and Mr. Phelps, of the United States Express, says that next year he will endeavor to advertise to their patrons the necessity for sending in their packages earlier, and not waiting until the last three or four days preceding Christmas, when the piling up more stuff than can be delivered with any degree of promptness. The poultry business has been unusually brisk, and commission-houses have been kept busy work applying turkeys. It is said that more turkeys have been sold in Indianapolis for this Christmas than at any preceding celebration. Another evidence of the time of good cheer was the great supply of Christmas greens. On every street corner in the business portion of the city there were piles and piles of wreaths for sale. Long ropes of evergreens, too, attracted attention of buyers, and in the throngs on the streets nearly every purchaser had the bright holly berries and leaves to attest their devotion to the great supply of Christmas greens. There has this year been more money and taste used in decoration. Large and attractive stocks did not seem enough to win buyers, and here and there could be seen imposing fronts of stores and over windows garlands, wreaths and festoons. In the evening began the commemoration exercises varying somewhat in the several churches according to the fancy and ingenuity of those who had the charge. The exercises in the churches were the Christmas tree laden with gifts for the happy little folks. Among the entertainments given was that at Hall-place M. E. Church, where the children sang with the best effect Christmas carols. The South-street Baptist Church had a programme that drew a very large audience, and the children of the church greatly enjoyed the exercises in music, recitations and the appearance of Santa Claus. The Mayflower congregation entertained in its little hall a Christmas party, and the exercises were very successful.

Christmas Weddings.

County Clerk Wilson issued the following marriage licenses yesterday: Charles P. Bowman and Stella Stoker, Albert Holzworth and Ida L. Strasser, Wilford C. Stryker and Carrie A. Woodward, Wayne L. Haworth and Eva Russell, Colonel H. Kemp and Mary Houston, John W. Green and Minnie Miffin, Jacob Eckert and Mary C. Bauer, John E. York and Etta E. Spice, Jacob Staun and Magie O'Hara, John R. Meredith and Sarah A. Richardson, Christian Christofferson and Myrtle Davis, William H. Wells and Minnie Peyton, William O. Seaton and Dora L. Roberts, John T. Farley and Kate C. Hart, Y. Y. Storer and Cora J. Stine, William Schneider and Lena Amthor, Frank McCormack and Victoria Johnson, William S. Swear and Mollie M. Speed, William M. Green and Emma C. Thomas, William S. Reeder and Emma R. Stout, William H. Talbot and Cynthia J. Scott, August H. Teepe and Pink Stator, John T. Jones, Jr., and Berta Davidson, John T. Hill and Lizzie Hoffman, Eli Stinson and Rosette Leeman, Harvey Rains and Louisa Haner, William D. McGuire and Maggie Johnson, James H. Dillinger and Mary E. Hewes, Wiley A. Owings and Mary L. Simpson, Michael A. Berges and Lucy P. Fulloway, Charles Owens and Ollie Johnston, Charles T. Sison and Madeline Barnhizer, Thomas Floyd and Lizzie Ransdall, Douglas K. Armstrong and Martha Dickson.

Christmas at the Postoffice.

The postoffice will be open in all departments until noon to-day, and carriers will make one delivery throughout the city.

There will be the usual afternoon collection in the business district and that of the hotel, as well as like delivery at night. The collection coaches will make one trip over the city at 6 p. m.

Notes of the Time.

All of the county offices will be closed to-day.

The New York store will be among those that will not be open to-day.

The great Capitol building, which will be re-decorating with the tread of Indiana's statesmen, will be comparatively deserted to-day. The offices will all be closed, and the affairs of State will rest for twenty-four hours. Nearly all of the State officials will celebrate Christmas here.

There is always a Christmas at the Meyer & Buschmann clothing factory, on Central avenue. The firm was remembered yesterday by tokens from the employees, and it is

turn distributed tickets to the theater matinee today and other favors to the employees. The girl, Miss Anna Klusmann's department presented her a fine bracelet.

PREPARING THE CITY CHARTER.

Mr. Mason Does Not Think There Will Be Any Conflict on Account of the Curtis Measure.

Augustus L. Mason, a member of the committee that is preparing the city charter, does not anticipate any trouble on account of the bill Capt. James B. Curtis is said to have ready. "We have not finished our charter yet," he said to a reporter, last night, "but hope to do so in a few days. As to the bill which Captain Curtis has, I can say but little, because I have not seen it. But I am certain he would do nothing to willfully defeat our measure simply because he would not want to do so. It is not possible," Mr. Mason was asked, "that the two drafts will be merged into one?"

"I think that will be done," Captain Curtis has probably discovered some good points in framing his bill that we have overlooked, and we, likewise have, no doubt, some good features he has omitted. These of course, must all be considered, for we are making a charter for the good of the city."

In an interview, published in an evening paper yesterday, Representative-elect J. E. McCullough denies that the Marion county delegation has agreed to support Captain Curtis's bill. "I am glad the Commercial Club and other interested parties are preparing a charter," Mr. McCullough said, "and to decide against it before we have seen it would be folly. We must not throw ourselves either for or against the bill we would get neither." Mr. McCullough and Captain Curtis, however, differ in their views as to the pledges made by the Marion county delegation. When the latter was asked in regard to this point by a Journal reporter, night before last, he replied: "It is my understanding that the Marion county members from Marion county have agreed to support my bill in preference to the one the Commercial Club committee is preparing."

GROESBACH TOO SHARP FOR HIM.

An Unknown Swindler with a Raised Ten Dollar Bill Tried His Trick at the Wrong Place.

Max Groeschbach, owner of a store at No. 320 East Washington street, thwarted the efforts of an unknown man to swindle him last night in paying for a 75 cent pair of gloves. The purchaser said, as he felt in his pocket for the money, "Well, I guess I have to give you a ten dollar bill to change," and handed over one with the figure 10 conspicuously shown. A glance led the astute store-keeper to suspect that the bill was of the one dollar denomination raised to a ten. The newness of the "10" did not agree with the general appearance of the paper, white lead having evidently been used in making the cipher. "Where did you get that bill?" demanded Groeschbach.

"At a store down the street," was the nervous reply of the purchaser. Is there anything wrong with it? If there is, let me have it, and I will take it back where I got it."

"No," said Groeschbach, "I'll just go with you and see if you got it, and we will see about it."

When they had reached the street the stranger seized the first opportunity and fled, and the store-keeper called for help. It happened no one was on the street, and the swindler succeeded in eluding his pursuer among the trees and shrubbery of the park.

The second bill of the kind offered on East Washington street recently, but in the first instance the trick was successful. The perpetrator, however, has been arrested, and is awaiting trial.

MINOR CITY MATTERS.

To-Day's Doings.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE—Russell's Comedians in the "City Directory" afternoon and evening. ENGLISH'S OPERA-HOUSE—C. A. Gardner in "Fiddlers' Dramas" afternoon and evening.

PARK THEATRE—Frank L. Frayne in "Kentucky Bill" afternoon and evening.

MURPHY TEMPERANCE MEETING—Y. M. C. A. Hall, evening.

Personal and Society.

Mr. Nathan Powell, of Madison, is spending a few days here with friends.

Mrs. Byron Hutchinson has gone to Chicago to visit her cousin, Mr. Albert Lane.

Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Allen will entertain friends this evening with an informal party.

Mr. C. J. Bowen, of Ellettsburg, is visiting here with Mrs. Mary Etter, No. 41 Linden street.

Miss Nellie Bicknell, of St. Louis, is spending the holidays with Mrs. M. H. Spauld.

A number of young men will go to Terre Haute, to-morrow, to attend a large party to be given there.

Mrs. Emma Winsor, who has been visiting friends here, returned to her home in Illinois yesterday.

The Whist club of Woodruff Place will be entertained this evening by Mr. and Mrs. Horace Eddy.

Harlan Craft, of St. Paul, and Ernest Craft, of Chicago, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Craft.

Mr. Aldred T. Warthin, of Ann Arbor, Mich., is spending his vacation with Mr. J. H. Greenstreet and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Miller and son, of Spencer, are guests of Mr. Miller's mother, Mrs. J. H. Miller, on Talbot street.

Miss Chipman, of Detroit, is spending a few weeks with her brother, Mr. J. W. Chipman, and family, on North Meridian street.

A theater party of twenty couples will be given this afternoon at the Fairview Park. They will go on a special car to Fairview Park and have supper.

Mr. Macy Good will go to Fort Wayne to-morrow, to visit Mr. John Blake. Miss Hattie Good will spend her vacation with Richmond friends.

Miss Emory, of St. Joseph, Mo., is the guest of Miss Luella Rhodes, on East Pratt street. Mrs. Andrews has returned from New York, and will visit Mr. Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McKee will shortly remove to Boston for permanent residence. Mr. McKee will be connected with the Thompson-Houston Electric Company.

THE GERMAN AT MRS. McKEE'S.

NO BENEFIT TO TAX-PAYERS

The Proposed Reappraisal Scheme Will Add to the Burdens of the People.

Opinion of One Well Versed in Methods of Taxation Regarding the Increasing of Land Values in Marion County Next Year.

There are some who do not look with favor upon the effort that is being made by the Democrats to secure the passage of a bill in the next Legislature providing for a reappraisal of land in this county in 1891 instead of one year later. Col. I. N. Walker, who was connected with the county auditor's office at one time, has striven with a report, yesterday, against the passage of the bill. "It is claimed," said he, "that the present valuation does not produce sufficient revenue to meet current demands and pay salaries, and it is proposed to raise the valuation on realty to a point high enough to produce the required amount under the present city and county levies. This is to be done without regard to how such a proceeding would affect our citizens or the amount of money it would unjustly take from the tax-payers of this county for the special benefit of citizens of the other counties. It is a plain case of raising the money to do it, and the result would be to increase the tax on realty without realizing the justice of it, if carried into effect, would work towards the tax-payers of Marion county."

"In reality to do this it would be an injustice," he was asked.

"It would be unfair in many ways. In discussing this subject with some of our high business men, and land owners, and tax-payers I have been answered that we must raise the amount necessary to meet current demands, and they don't see that it makes any difference how we raise it. If the levy is low, say they, the reappraisal must be high, and vice versa, if the reappraisal is low it will require a high levy to raise the money. It is a plain case. They do not seem to realize that they already have to pay the State and State school tax, 25 cents on the \$100 assessed value, and the county tax, 10 cents on the \$100, and the city tax, 10 cents on the \$100, on a present reappraisal, of really double the valuation of other localities. If our reappraisals on realty are proportionate to the reappraisals on other localities of the State, we, of course, have to pay an undue proportion of the State tax. With us, the rule has been, for purposes of taxation, to appraise realty at from two-thirds to three-fourths of its market valuation, while in some localities throughout the State, it is as high as the full market value. If it is 40 and 50 per cent, thus compelling us to pay, as our reappraisal now stands, double the State tax that some other localities pay, it is a plain case of raising the money to do it, and the result would be to increase the tax on realty without realizing the justice of it, if carried into effect, would work towards the tax-payers of Marion county."

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still alarm called the No. 8 hose company to the house of Erhard, 15th street, No. 627 Washington street, about 8 o'clock last evening. The family were arranging a Christmas tree, which caught fire. Furniture and curtains were destroyed, with a loss of \$25. The No. 34 were called about the same hour to No. 20 Great street, occupied by William Schaeffer. There also a Christmas tree had caught fire. The damage amounted to less than \$25.

CULLINGS FROM THE COURTS.

The Broad Ripple Electric Railway Line Already the Cause of Litigation.

The damage suit of the United States Rapid Transit Company against William G. Bosson and Dr. E. C. Light, the details of which were given in Tuesday's Journal, was filed in the Superior Court yesterday. John A. Qualey, Harold Sturges and Joseph S. Qualey, all of Chicago, are plaintiffs, and they allege defendants violated their contract by which the Broad Ripple electric line was to be built. On Nov. 29 the contract was made, and it is stated in the complaint that Mr. Bosson and Dr. Light agreed to furnish \$47,500. On Dec. 5 Mr. Bosson notified the plaintiffs that he could not raise the money, and that the Indianapolis & Broad Ripple Rapid Transit Company, of which he was president and Dr. Light secretary, was an organization without assets. The plaintiffs further say they had already spent \$1,800 on the road, and contracted for 400,000 pounds of wire worth of materials, and therefore ask for \$10,000 damages. Mr. Bosson claims that he has been unable to procure the \$47,500, but that his contract does not call for payment of that sum until the road is completed.

A Heavy Verdict of Damages.

Frank Neberlacker was given, in Judge Taylor's court by a jury yesterday, a judgment for \$13,000 against the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Company. He was injured at the Market-street crossing of the Big Four tracks last February, one of the company's freight trains striking the brewery wagon he was driving for Lieber, Neberlacker falling across the track. Two cars went over his legs, and he was caught under the wheels of the third before the train could be stopped. The accident occurred between 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning, and the train, without a light or a watchman on the first car, was backing down. Neberlacker did not see the train until it was within a few feet of him. He sued for \$30,000. There will be a trial to the general term of the Superior Court.

Judgment on Gravel-Road Bonds.

Judge Woods, in the federal court yesterday, ordered judgment entered in favor of Charles H. Payson for \$2,983.82, and the York County Savings Bank for \$5,624.95, in their suits against the Jay County Commissioners, on gravel-road bonds held by the plaintiffs. The latter held bonds to the above amounts, and the commissioners refused payment, hence the suit. The matter was satisfactorily arranged, however, and yesterday action was on agreed judgment.

Alleged Breach of Contract.

Hervey Bates and his son brought suit in the Superior Court, yesterday, against the Keiser, Holmes & White Elevator Company for damages on an alleged breach of contract. The defendants, it is claimed, agreed to furnish plaintiffs ten car-loads of corn at 31 cents per bushel, but only delivered eight loads. They refused, it is charged, to supply the last two loads, and the Messrs. Bates were compelled to purchase corn at 50 cents a bushel.

Tried Before the Mayor.

Among the cases Mayor Sullivan disposed of yesterday were the following: William J. Bratton, charged with stealing meat from Charles Bulish, bound over to the grand jury; Annie Thomas, for assaulting Rhoda Baker, fined \$10 and costs; Buck Farley, charged with larceny, given a continuance until Dec. 31. Farley was placed under \$1,000 bond. Sixteen young men, for gambling, were each fined \$10 and costs.

Governor Hovey's Answer.

Governor Hovey, in his answer, filed yesterday, to William A. Shuck's complaint in mandamus proceedings to secure his commission as auditor of Jennings county, said that he would not issue the commission until Shuck had paid \$25,000 to the State treasury. This amount, it is alleged, Shuck took from Jennings county when he was its treasurer.

Sentences for Killing People.

Martin O'Day, who killed Timothy Duffy last September in a drunken quarrel, was given two years in State prison by a Criminal Court jury yesterday. His attorney contended the defendant's case on the theory of self-defense. Lewis Walton, for matricide, was sentenced to seven years and will be taken to the Michigan City prison to-morrow.

Notes from the Dockets.